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For: MOTORIZED FRONT DERAILLEUR
ASSEMBLY WITH SAVER
ARRANGEMENT

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Sir:

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German Patent No. DE4340471 appears to disclose a rear derailleur cage driven by an electric motor and to a front derailleur cage optionally also driven by an electric motor, with a swivel head, a first and a second parallelogram lever and a chain-guiding mechanism, the four abovementioned components forming a parallelogram via which the chain-guiding mechanism can be displaced parallel in order to transfer the chain from on sprocket to another sprocket arranged parallel thereto. An English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand this reference.

International Patent Publication No. WO 97/07919 appears to disclose a sawing, cutting or separating device. The device uses a drive motor with an output shaft that cooperates with at least one further rotary tool connection device, the output of the one connection preferably generating a linear movement. An English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand this reference.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested

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